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Payman Akhavan Tabassi

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Actuating Mechanism

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Art Unit: 1722

Examiner: Heitbrink, Timothy W.

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Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
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 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
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